

produced before us from which we infer the existence of "matter", but the close study of those effects leads us altogether away from attributing them to any visible or tangible cause.— If even from the point of view of physical science, those conditions & effects which we designate as "material" are merely the result of motion in a medium invisible, intangible, imperceptible,— if among those results we are to anchor our own present bodies, it seems to me that no expression which we could imagine for the spiritual opens out wider possibilities of indefinite modification than that which limped by spiritual weakness we experience here & now.— The absolute control of motion if the laws of

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Dear Professor Fitzgerald

I feel sure you will not mind my consulting you about a subject on which I am trying to put together some thoughts just now.— Various people have spoken or written to me of great difficulties which they feel with regard to immortality & the resurrection of the body.— It must be to all of us a subject of great mystery or amount of our ignorance.— At the same time I do think that much of the perplexity & difficulty felt arises from a thorough misunderstanding

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as to what Science really teaches us about "matter". - I want to put before you as shortly as I can a way of looking at the subject which has seemed to help a good deal <sup>it</sup> work to whom I have introduced it, & to ask you if there is any scientific objection to it. - Of course you will see directly that there is very little which is really original - Berkeley said practically the same thing, only perhaps not just in the way that would most appeal to the present age because the state of scientific knowledge was so different. Further please understand that I don't by any means

wish to assert that physics <sup>does or</sup> can tell us that such suggestions as I make are actually true, but simply that so far from any modern discoveries increasing the difficulties which we may feel with regard to immortality & the "material" expression of our spirit after death, they certainly help us to understand how such expression might be quite possible & natural simply as a development of what we now experience. -

Popularly "matter" is identified with the visible & the tangible. - Well that is not a true identification. Under our actual conditions of which alone physical Science can take cognizance, certain effects are

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motion in all their applications  
were fully appreciated & understood  
does not seem to be a dream of  
impossible absurdity. - Such knowledge  
with the power to use it (from both  
of which things spiritual weakness  
& imperfection were debarred us,) would  
give us perfect bodies. - It seems  
to me that this may be regarded  
as the whole difference between  
the "natural" & the "spiritual"  
body. - that the former is the  
imperfect expression of a spirit not  
strong enough to express itself adequately,  
whereas the latter is the perfect  
expression of a spirit which has

attained its full powers.— If our bodies are just motion absolute control of motion consciously exercised would give us perfect bodies— Thus the "spiritual" body need not be anything but a development of the "natural" body as St. Paul says it is.—

I hope I have put my meaning before you with sufficient clearness & fullness to enable you to see what it is.— And if you have time will you let me have a line in answer? I shall be here for at any rate

another week.—

Yours very sincerely  
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